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SUBJ: PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING FOR IRANIAN HIGHWAY POLICE

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1. REFTEL DISCUSSES FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1974 AND TERMINATION
OF THE INTERNATIONAL POLICE ACADEMY. PARAGRAPH 4 STATES THAT PUBLIC
SAFETY TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES WHICH MAY BE AVAILABLE ON AN IN-
DEPENDENTLY FINANCED BASIS WILL BE ADDRESSED IN NEAR FUTURE.

2. GENMISH HAS RECEIVED AN INQUIRY FROM THE IMPERIAL IRANIAN
GENDARMERIE (IIG), WHICH IS INTERESTED IN OBTAINING TRAINING
WITHIN THE UNITED STATES FOR MEMBERS OF ITS HIGHWAY PATROL. THE
IIG HIGHWAY PATROL HAS THE MISSION OF SUPERVISING AND CONTROLLING
THE NATION'S HIGHWAYS. THE RAPID EXPANSION OF THE NUMBER OF
HIGHWAYS AND THE TRUCKS, BUSSES, AND PASSENGER CARS USING THEM HAS
FORCED THE HIGHWAY PATROL INTO A CRASH PROGRAM REQUIRING A
LARGE YEARLY INCREASE OF PERSONNEL.

3. THE IIG HAS INDICATED AN INTEREST IN SEVERAL TYPES OF TRAINING
TO BE PROGRAMMED OVER SEVERAL YEARS. THE PRIMARY INTEREST WOULD BE
HIGH IMPACT, SHORT DURATION TRAINING (1-3 WEEKS) IN THE FORM OF
ORIENTATION TOURS TO STATE HIGHWAY PATROL AND SHERIFFS DEPARTMENTS
IN THE U.S. IN ADDITION, THEY WOULD LIKE OTHER TRAINING OF LONGER
DURATION (4-12 WEEKS AND 3-12 MONTHS) IN SUBJECT AREAS OUTLINED
IN PARA 4 BELOW. THE IIG ESTIMATES IT COULD SEND APPROXIMATELY
TWENTY OFFICERS/NCO'S PER YEAR. THEY WOULD LIKE INSTRUCTION TO
BE IN PERSIAN (FARSI) AND ARE WILLING TO PAY FOR THE NECESSARY
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INTERPRETERS. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT STUDENTS WOULD BE SENT IN

LARGE GROUPS VS. SEVERAL SMALL GROUPS SPREAD OVER A LENGTHY PERIOD.

4. THE IIG HIGHWAY PATROL HAS A PARTICULAR INTEREST IN THE FOLLOWING SUBJECT AREAS:

- A. ATTENDANCE AT A STATE POLICE OR HIGHWAY PATROL ACADEMY.
- B. TRAFFIC ACCIDENT PREVENTION AND INVESTIGATION.
- C. LAW ENFORCEMENT COMPUTER PROGRAMS.
- D. OPERATION OF HIGHWAY PATROL TRAINING ACADEMY.
- E. ORGANIZATION AND OPEATION OF HIGHWAY PATROL POSTS AND REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS.
- FM USE OF EMERGENCY VEHICLES TO INCLUDE HELICOPTERS.
- G. ORGANIZATION AND FUNCTIONING OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATION CENTERS.
- H. HIGHWAY PATROLLING TECHNIQUES.
- I. USE OF CRIMINAL LABORATORIES IN THE INVESTIGATION OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS
- J. CIVIL DEFENSE/DISASTER PLANNING.
- K. HIGHWAY PATROL HEADQUARTERS OPERATIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PREOCEDURES.
- L. UTILIZATION AND EMPLOYMENT TECHNIQUES OF NEW HIGHWAY PATROL EQUIPMENT.
- M. HIGHWAY SAFETY AND TRAFFIC ENGINEERING.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER CURRENT POLICIES CONCERNING PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING AND TRAINING OF FOREIGN POLICE PERSONNEL IN THE UNITED STATES ON AN INDEPENDENTLY FINANCED BASIS. IF AFFIRMATIVE PLEASE ADVISE ON THE POSSIBILITY OF PROVIDING ALL OR PART OF THE IIG HIGHWAY PATROL TRAINING REQUESTED ABOVE. IF TRAINING IS NOT AVAILABLE THROUGH US GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE TO UTILIZE CIVILIAN OR STATE ORGANIZATIONS LIKE INDIANA OR PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE? SHOULD PROCESSING OF TRAINEES PRIOR TO DEPARTURE BE HANDLED BY GENMISH?

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